

Minutes for January 14, 1998 meeting

The meeting started at 11:40 A.M. The Toastmaster of the Day was Jane Liu. We had one assigned speaker, Barry Sherman, the topic of his speech was "Let's Leave Our Comfort Zone" the objective of the speech was to motivate. We had Table Topics in Jeopardy format with Martha O'Bryan as Table Topics Master. The categories, contestants, topics, and responses are as follows:

**Category:** Politics

**Contestant**

**Topic and Response**

- Paul McCeney Q: Who do you feel are the best leaders the world has ever known?  
A: Hitler and Jesus.
- Don Moore Q: Should tax payers pay the cost of stadium sky boxes to be used by county executives?  
A: Yes, providing the stadium makes money and the budget allows.
- Barry Sherman Q: Explain your beliefs about capital punishment.  
A: In favor of capital punishment as a negative "reward".
- Paul McCeney Q: Do you think the United nations should have more power over international affairs?  
A: Yes, to help achieve cooperation on an international basis

**Category:** What

- Jim McLean Q: **What** do you feel is your greatest accomplishment?  
A: Raising 6 children.
- Jeane Ryan Q: Imagine that a UFO whisks you off to another galaxy, you're asked to explain the human race to the extra-terrestrial's leader. **What** do you say?  
A: Emphasize human strengths, i.e. human beings rally to help each other.
- Jim McLean Q: You just created a holiday, announce it to us, **what** does it commemorate, and how do we go about celebrating it?  
A: A holiday on February 15<sup>th</sup> to observe a day off from work to focus on Toastmaster skills.

**Category:** Let's Get Personal

- Ye Hong Q: Describe your least favorite vacation trip.  
A: Trip to Disney World at Christmas time.
- Pat McHale Q: What would you say was the saddest moment of your life?  
A: Death of his father.
- Jane Liu Q: Who has had the greatest effect on your life?  
A: Her mother – stressed education
- Don Moore Q: List 5 activities you have done this week of which you are proud.  
A: 1) arrived at work, 2) swimming, 3) conversation with step daughter, 4) checked the antifreeze in his wife's car, 5) trip to West VA to visit with family and discuss history

**Category:** Toastmasters

- Angie Upshur Q: How will Toastmasters change 50 years from now?  
A: Toastmasters will colonize the world with clubs in every country.
- Pat McHale Q: How should we support our members so the goals of our club are met?  
A: Assign a mentor to each new member.

**Category:** Career

- Bill Pullen Q: How would you convince your boss that you deserve a promotion?  
A: Imitate the Boss and show him that your skills are valuable.
- Chris Scherer Q: What would you least like to do for a career?  
A: Loading trucks or spreading tar.
- Angie Upshur Q: If you could return to school to obtain a degree, what field would you choose to study?  
A: She plans to attend Bible College to obtain a degree in religion.
- Herb Blodget Q: If you were to make a career change, what new career would you choose?  
A: Employment with the State Department to have a job with a lot of travel to interesting places.

The General Evaluator was Bill Pullen. Chris Scherer evaluated Barry Sherman's speech. The Time Keeper was Ye Hong. The Whisker Counter was Angie Upshur. The Grammarian was Jim McLean. The Ballot Counter was Angie Upshur.

The best Table Topics contestant was Paul McCeney.

The next TM meeting will be a joint meeting with Space Speaker Club, and will be held at Building 28, Room E-210 on January 28, 1998. February 11 meeting will be the International Speech and Evaluator club contest. The Area 45 contest will be held on March 20th, at the EER System Building.

There will be Leadership Training session on Saturday, January 24, 1998 at Chesapeake Bell Atlantic Building in Silver Spring from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Toastmaster International (TMI) President will visit District 36 clubs on Saturday, May 16 at Quality Inn, 8727 Colesville Road, and he will participate in the TMI contest that day.